

**Northville Senior Advisory Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Northville Community Center**  
**303 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 1:00 pm**

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

Chair Purtell called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

**2. Roll Call:**

Present: Jan Purtell -Chairperson (Township)  
Jan Valade -Vice-Chairperson (City)  
Dorothy Schmidt - Secretary (Township)  
Kim Campbell-Voytal - Representative (City)  
Cynthia Jankowski - Board of Trustees Liaison (Township)  
Marilyn Price - City Council Liaison  
Robert Lipmyer - Representative (Township)  
Joe Corriveau - Representative (City)

Staff: Derek Smith - Director of Parks and Recreation  
Greg Morris - Assistant Director Parks and Recreation

Absent: Melissa Stuart - Northville Public Schools Board Liaison: excused  
Bridget Renwick - Recreation SuperIntendent: excused

**3. Adoption of the Agenda:**

- a. Agenda Adoption for October 19, 2023 meeting was reviewed.
  - i. **MOTION:** Motion by Cynthia Jankowsky to adopt the agenda as provided; supported by Robert Lipmeyer; No discussion; **MOTION** passed by voice vote approval.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2023 were reviewed.
  - i. **MOTION** by Jan Valade to approve the minutes as submitted; supported by Robert Lipmeyer; No discussion; **MOTION** passed by voice vote approval.

**5. Announcements/ Citizens Comments: None**

**6. Monthly Reports:**

- a. **Supervisor's Report** - Greg Morris reported:
  - i. Christmas trees will be put up on November 13, 2023
  - ii. Christmas Tree lighting will take place on November 28, 2023
  - iii. New Senior Services Supervisor, Debbie Giulianelli-Smith arrives from Farmington Hills Senior Center starting Monday, October 30, 2023
  - iv. Senior Services Recreation Specialist position is currently vacant and has been posted;
  - v. Health and Wellness Coordinator Position Is currently vacant; interviews next week;
  - vi. An organizational chart will be drawn and circulated to the NSAC by Derek Smith;
  - vii. Housing of current staff during the renovations is being considered; a meeting is planned

- with Northville Public Schools for consideration of temporary office space during the renovation;
- viii. Bridget Renwick is accompanying the Mackinac Island trip with 42 senior participants

b. **Monthly Transportation Report** - Greg Morris reported:

- i. **Transportation Report:** Report was distributed and discussed; 5 or 6 buses are operational with three buses currently on the street; drivers are available starting with five buses and progressing as more buses are repaired
- ii. **Ridership Report:** No reports were distributed as there were no runs for September, 2023
- iii. **Destination Report:** Reports was distributed and discussed for September- 2023; Social Bus Pilot Program is planned for Wednesday's in November and December to various locations; consideration for addition to regular scheduling in 2024 with details in the November/December **Inspire** newsletter
- iv. Non-medical rides (grocery store runs) will be added to transportation as requested by participants

b. **Participation Reports:** Participation Report was distributed and discussed for September.

- i. Pickleball is seeing a definite uptick in participation; drop in classes are holding steady; classes are set to run monthly until December;
- ii. An outdoor pickleball court is planned to be built due to increased participation

## 7. Recent/Upcoming Events and Programs

a. September/October Schedule: Greg Morris reported:

- 10/25 - Myth Crackers;, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- 10/31 - MMAP Medicare Open Enrollment; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Register for appointments
- 11/02 - Sips with the Senior Supervisor; 10:00 am -12:00 am "Meet and Greet" with Debbie.
- 11/07 - Techie Tuesdays; 10:30 -11:30am
- 11/08 - Bingo; 1:00 pm
- 11/09 - Thankful for our Veterans Luncheon; 11:30 am -1:00 pm - \$15
- 11/10 - Veteran's Day (office closed)
- 11/13 - 12/12 Christmas Trees -sponsored and decorated by local community groups
- 11/14 - MI Seniors Move: Avoid Becoming a Victim, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
- 11/15 - Book Club; 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- 11/15 - Kookies and Karaoke; 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 11/20 - Coffee with a Cop; 10:00 am - 11:00 pm
- 11/21 - Gary Allen; 401ks and IRA's, 1:00 pm - 2:45pm
- 11/23 - NCC will be closed on Thanksgiving
- 11/28 - Holiday Tree Lighting
- 12/06 - Cranbrook House Holiday Tour - \$30
- 12/07 - Winter Celebration Lunch; 11:30 am -1:00 pm - \$15
- 12/15 - 01/02 NCC will be closed for renovations (offices will be relocated temporarily)

## 8. Old Business

- a. Goal and Objectives: The goals and objectives and bylaws review will be tabled until the January meeting; Morris advised Senior Services strategic planning process will begin in January and will involve NSAC beginning with a SWOT analysis; it was agreed that the Goals and Objective review process will be delayed until the January, 2024 meeting with participation

from the new Senior Services Supervisor; this will allow time to review the data from the current Parks and Recreation survey with over 21,000 surveys completed; 2023 Goals and Objectives and how these goals were accomplished will be reviewed as part of the strategic planning process for comparison with planning the 2024 Goals and Objectives.

## 9. New Business

- a. Election Transportation: Question concerning transportation availability to take City/Township senior residents to the polls for early voting and/or on election day November 7, 2023 and again next year in February and/or August, 2024? If the program does become available through our transportation system, can services be posted in the January/February **Inspire**; proposed that a separate category be added to the Transportation Report for tracking residents' transportation to polls.

## 10. Reports

- a. **City Liaison Report:** Marilyn Price reported
  - i. Plans for the Northville Downs Project are currently in the final stages of approval; Ford Field Master Plan presentation and Gateway Project plans were discussed including that the plans have been drawn for safety sidewalks to insure for ADA accessibility with the widening of the gateway.
  - ii. The downtown road closure with retractable bollards are currently being installed at Main and Dunlop; Main and Center bollards are going in next week; November 3 is the target date for opening all downtown streets; transition plan for pedestrians and drivers with lights and signage will precede the opening of the streets.
  - iii. The City Council is in the process of completing final approval to the PUD plan; currently there are no specific plans regarding the Seven Mile/Sheldon Street roundabout; a roundabout plan for 7 Mile and Northville Road is not considered a certainty at this time.
  - iv. The bridge at 8 Mile Rd. construction is not scheduled to begin until 2024-2025 with electrical issues which require DTE involvement and Federal train schedules are complicating the issue; City of Northville does not have jurisdiction over bridge repairs.
- b. **Township Liaison Report:** Cynthia Jankowski reported:
  - i. Skateboard park development Derek Smith commented on the concrete pouring progress and difficulties with completion.
  - ii. Design presentation from The Dunes for an entrance way and a Memorial Wall is waiting on approval for construction to start in the spring.
  - iii. Pathway connectors are being completed with a pathway from Beck Road east to Northville High School and an incomplete walking path circle will also be finished.
  - iv. Cricket pitch has been opened following a dedication ceremony 9/30/2023 at Millennium Park
  - v. Design work from the Rock Solid Corp. for the Legacy Park Trail has been contracted
  - vi. Clerk's Office is assimilating Prop 2 information; two new ballot boxes with 24 hour cameras will be installed (one in Township Hall and one in the Public Safety building) which covers both polling places; Information will be available on the Township website
  - vii. Household hazardous waste disposal is now available through GFL Tuesday through Friday by appointment only; technical equipment will not be accepted
  - viii. The Water Tower has an expected completion date of April, 2024.
- c. **Northville Public Schools Report:** Kim Campbell-Voytal reported for Melissa Stuart:
  - i. Melissa has accepted a position with the Living and Learning Center. She will continue to report to the NSAC as the Public School Board liaison backup.
  - ii. The current school program was discussed. Final student counts are being conducted. Students are being prepped for PSAT/SAT, National Merit Scholar exams. Students are

- reported to be settling in well with their new schedules and teachers.
- iii. Non-intrusive infrastructure projects are currently being implemented at the district level in the inhabited school buildings including Moraine paving and rainwater run-off management, lighting, fiber optics, and improving web access in the buildings; three phases of development are required before construction can begin; Amerman and Meads Mill will be the next sites to be developed in 2024/2025; current problems are being taken care of first (i.e leaky roofs).
  - iv. Sponsor change and renaming of Holszer Field was announced along with a planned safety redesign of the stadium to include installation of handrails on the bleachers and redesign of the hill.
  - v. Acknowledgement was made of three School Resource Agents of Safety that are currently in place in the district schools (two through the Township and one through the City).
  - vi. Therapy dogs are now available in all the schools which have been well received.
  - vii. School Enrollment is down by 114 students.

## 12. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Motion to adjourn made by Robert Lipmeyer; supported by Marilyn Price. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm

**Next meeting:** NSAC Annual Meeting will be held today, October 19, 2023 following the regular meeting at the Northville Community Center. Next Regular Meeting is November 16, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Northville Community Center; no meeting will be held in December, 2023

### Submitted by:

Dorothy Schmidt, Secretary

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